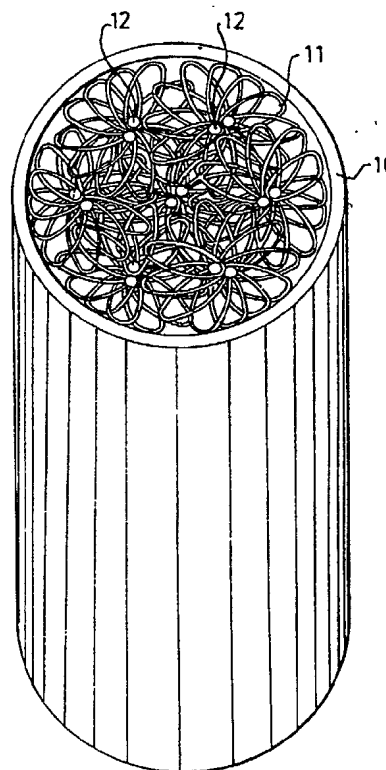




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<b>(54) Title:</b> PACKING IN OR FOR A VESSEL  <b>(57) Abstract</b>  A packing for a vessel to contact fluid therein wherein the packing comprises a plurality of insert units, each insert unit comprising a plurality of transversely extending elements disposed longitudinally along the insert unit and angularly thereabout wherein a portion of each transverse element lies in close proximity to a first individual conceptual surface characterised in that the insert units are disposed in side-by-side relationship in a regular manner and the cross-sectional area between adjacent individual conceptual surfaces of adjacent insert units at least at one position longitudinally of the plurality of insert units is no greater than the maximum cross-sectional area within an individual conceptual surface of an insert unit between two adjacent transversely extending elements thereof at any cross-section longitudinally of the plurality of units.		



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